

TORNADOES WRECK TOWNS IN SEVERAL STATES ALL ALONG MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

**Death and Destruction Swooping Down and
Wiping Out Town After Town From
Illinois South To Mississippi**

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service.)

CHICAGO, May 28.—From points all along the Mississippi Valley reports of destruction by tornadoes are being received, each report telling of death and destruction and of crop damage which in its total reaches far into the millions.

From Illinois on the north to Tennessee on the south, and from Indiana to Kansas, tornadoes of varying degrees of violence have hurtled across the land, striking without warning.

So far as reports have been received which give the details of destruction, one hundred and eighty-five persons have been killed and eleven hundred and seven have been seriously injured, while there are many places known to have been devastated from which no lists of killed and wounded have as yet come.

The property damage so far reported amounts in all to five million dollars.

A summary of the storm reports so far in gives the following toll of dead and injured:

MATTOON, ILLINOIS, fifty-four dead, five hundred injured.

CHARLESTOWN, ILLINOIS, thirty-eight dead, one hundred and forty injured.

OTHER ILLINOIS TOWNS, eighteen dead, sixty-five injured.

ANDALE, KANSAS, twenty-eight dead, sixty injured.

IN ARKANSAS, nine dead, twelve injured.

IN INDIANA, nine dead, one hundred injured.

IN TENNESSEE, six dead, fifty-three injured.

IN KENTUCKY, twenty-five dead, seventy-six injured.

MILITIA HELPS TO RESTORE ORDER

**Early Fears For Charleston Are
Justified By Reports of
Damage Done**

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CHICAGO, Illinois, May 28.—As communication throughout those sections of the State wrecked by tornadoes on Saturday is being reestablished, the toll of the dead is rising, and it is feared that the full list of casualties through Illinois has not yet been reported.

Yesterday from other States also came reports of tornado damage. Indiana has been hit by a most destructive storm and at least two towns in the path of the tornado are isolated. In Valparaiso there are five dead and hundreds injured.

Charleston Sweep
Early yesterday it was known that the original reports of destruction and death at Charleston, in Cook County, this State, were only too true. That city was swept by the full fury of the tornado of Saturday night, the same blast which brought death to so many at Mattoon.

The business section of the city was destroyed. Thirty-seven people were killed outright and a score of others are missing and believed to be buried in the ruins left in the wake of the blast. Several hundred are injured and a number of these will die.

Mattoon Counts Its Dead
The death list at Mattoon, as checked up through the recovery of the bodies, is smaller than first reports indicated, although it will amount in all to about seventy-five. So far the bodies of forty-seven have been uncovered and there are nearly thirty still missing. The list of those injured at all seriously includes the names of five hundred.

The town is badly wrecked, one hundred and forty-two business blocks and houses having been ripped to pieces. Militia Restores Order
A battalion of Illinois national guards is maintaining order in Charleston and putting down any attempts at looting with a stern hand. In Mattoon a company of guardsmen is engaged in a like duty. In both places systematic relief work is being organized and some degree of order is evolved from the chaos of Saturday night.

Doctors and nurses are being sent to these stricken towns and the other sections hit by the various storms. Another Town Hit
Reports from St. Louis yesterday give information of another Illinois town which was smashed by a tornado yesterday. This is the village of Dupo, in Jackson County, where several were killed yesterday afternoon. Practically no details of the casualties and damage have come out, the storm damaging the wires and cutting the section off from the outside world.

Indiana Destruction
The reports from Valparaiso, Indiana, state that the storm which hit that city and a number of other Indiana towns yesterday was the worst in the history of the State. A tremendous amount of destruction was done to crops and orchards. In Valparaiso a large number of houses and stores were thrown down and the number of injured will run up to a hundred.

The towns of Hebron and Kouts are known to have been in the path of the tornado. Both are isolated by the storm.

MANY SOUTHERN STATES SHARE IN THE SUFFERING Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi and Kentucky Report Tornadoes

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BIRMINGHAM, Alabama, May 28.—Reports from various States show that the South has been hard hit by the series of tornadoes that is damaging property and taking life along the Mississippi Valley. From Tennessee and Kentucky come dispatches announcing the destruction of towns and the widespread damaging of crops. While the first reports now being sent out are undoubtedly exaggerated, sufficient details are being given to show that the number of killed is many.

In this State the town of Sayre, fifteen miles east of here, has been hardest hit. The reports from there are of widely varying nature. Dispatches by way of Louisville and Nashville state that the deaths at Sayre will amount to at least a hundred. Other reports give the list of the dead as low as fifty.

Struck Late at Night
The tornado struck Sayre late last night. Relief parties and doctors have started for the stricken town.

At Bradford, Alabama, other destruction and loss of life is reported, this town being hit at about the same time as Sayre. Six residents of Bradford are reported to have been killed.

There has been no mention whereby these reports can be verified, as all communications are interrupted. Damage in Mississippi
Telephone reports to Paducah, Kentucky, state that fifty persons have been killed and scores hurt by a tornado that swept along the east bank of the Mississippi.

The towns of Hickman, Dublin and Moscow are reported to have been destroyed, while other towns are said to have suffered damage.

On two plantations in the path of the tornado thirteen persons are reported as killed, while much property damage is done. At Dyersburg, Tennessee, yesterday afternoon, six were killed and thirty injured by a tornado, while a large part of the village has been destroyed.

Witnessed Execution
OF HER DAUGHTER
GENEVA, Switzerland, May 28.—La Suisse in its edition of yesterday morning prints the details of the recent execution by the Germans of Madame Pfister and her daughter, who had been convicted before a German military court on a charge of espionage.

Madame Pfister was detected carrying letters from Switzerland into Alsace, this being the basis of the charge upon which she was convicted and killed.

At the court martial, the woman admitted that she had brought the letters with her across the Alsatian line, but pleaded innocent of any intention of spying or of conveying information harmful to Germany.

The double execution took place at Muhlhausen. The daughter was the first to die, being killed by a firing squad, with her mother forced to be a witness to the execution.

When the mother's turn came to face the German rifles, she stood beside the bleeding body of her child, at whose side she fell when the volley rang out.

POLICE JUDGE IRWIN
BEGINS ON JUNE 1
Harry Irwin, recently appointed successor of Judge Monarrat as judge of the district court, will take office June 1.

Judge Monarrat has a number of uncompleted civil cases to attend to, and, in addition, Governor Pinkham has asked him to continue in office until Judge Irwin qualifies.

and the greatest anxiety exists concerning the fate of the two places. No reports of damage or death from either place can be yet secured. From what is known of the tremendous damage done at Valparaiso and the surrounding country, it is feared that the reports from the other towns will be serious.

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BRAZIL READY TO TAKE FIRST STEP

**Would Cancel Neutrality Decree
and Authorize President To
Meet Any Result**

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KIO DE JANEIRO, May 28.—The committee on foreign relations of the Brazilian congress yesterday drafted a measure for submission to congress recommending the immediate cancellation of the neutrality decree issued on April 25.

The committee recommends the enactment of a bill to authorize the President to make effective whatever action might be necessary through any cessation of neutrality. This would include the use of the army and the navy.

It is thought certain that the bill will pass by a big majority and that the first practical step towards war with Germany will have been taken.

SPANISH PRO-ALLIES IN DEMONSTRATION

**Twenty-five Thousand Pass
Strong Resolution Urging
Premier To Make a Stand**

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MADRID, May 28.—Using upon the Spanish government to show its sympathy with the cause of the Entente, an assembly of twenty-five thousand persons yesterday passed pro-ally resolutions and a series of resolutions.

The meeting had been called from amongst those elements of the city's population which are pro-ally in sympathy with the Entente. The demonstration was larger than the numbers of the demonstration had anticipated. The resolutions, addressed to the premier, were strongly worded and recited the list of grievances Spain has against Germany.

In order that there might be no disturbance, the authorities forbade any demonstration of a pro-German nature, while a planned meeting of the German sympathizers intended as a country demonstration, was suppressed.

ANTI-WAR TALK ENDS IN BATTLE

**Cleveland Police and Pacifists
Fight, Following Attempts To
Speak On Street**

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service.)

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 28.—Attempts on the part of a number of so-called pacifists to deliver anti-war speeches here yesterday afternoon resulted in a street battle between the police and the crowd, in the course of which many heads were cracked and many windows broken.

The police attempted to arrest the speakers, but were prevented by the crowd, who hustled the officers back. The reserves were called out and the crowds were charged, the affair developing into a wild melee, in which the police used their clubs freely and the members of the crowd retaliated with stones.

Hundreds of police had to be called out before order was restored. Many arrests were made.

ARMED CARS ARE NOW BEING ATTACHED TO ALL PASSENGER TRAINS OPERATING BETWEEN HERE AND THE BORDER AT JAMESPORT. These cars are converted from steel gondola cars which were made in the United States and sent to Mexico with shipments of coal for the mines and railroads. At the Mexican Central shops here drills are used to cut small square port holes along each side of these cars, leaving the top side of the mine uncult in order that the metal may be bent outward forming a lip or shield for the gunner who pokes his rifle through the opening.

IOWANS IGNORE THE STATE BLUE LAWS

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DES MOINES, Iowa, May 28.—For the third time yesterday an attempt was made by the State authorities to enforce the Sunday Blue Laws, recently put into force here, and for the third Sunday in succession the law was generally defied in all the Iowa cities.

"Business as Usual" signs were displayed outside the majority of the city saloons and cafes and the arrests of many of the proprietors failed to have any effect. The authorities were ignored and the visits of police officers with warrants produced no visible results except in the arrests of individuals.

In the country districts and towns the law is being obeyed, but in none of the cities.

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WOMAN SLASHED; HUSBAND WOUNDED

**Knifer Makes Unexpected Attack
With Murderous Intent Upon
Woman and Man**

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service.)

As the result of a cutting affray occurring on King Street opposite Kawahine Church, shortly after nine o'clock on Saturday night, Mrs. Henry Burr, a Hawaiian woman, and her husband, Henry Burr, colored, are in Queen's Hospital being treated for serious knife wounds. A Hawaiian-Chinese man named A. Ka, who did the cutting, is locked up at the police station.

As far as can be gathered Mr. and Mrs. Burr were walking along King Street when they were accosted by Ka. Ka is said to have started to make trouble with Mrs. Burr and to have attacked her with a single-bladed pocket knife, slashing her across the abdomen, passing her back and laying open the left side of her torso.

Just stopped in to protect his wife and the infuriated Ka turned his attention to him, ripping open his left arm from the shoulder to the elbow.

Police officers rushed to the scene, which conveyed the injured persons to the Queen's Hospital and thence to the police station. Since his arrest the man has preserved a sullen demeanor and absolutely refuses to make any statement, whatever.

Witnesses of the affair were Sam Goldino and John Silva. Not Necessarily Fatal
Mrs. Burr's wound in the abdomen is four or five inches long, but, very fortunately, the intestines were not pierced. Last night she was reported to be doing well, except for having a temperature.

There is an old-time here and is employed in the U. S. A. Quartermaster's department. He was married only a few months ago.

Mrs. Burr is the divorced wife of Henry Burr, who was formerly a well-known local labor leader in connection with the local labor industry. Mrs. Burr's husband is now in the U. S. A. Quartermaster's department.

While under the influence of liquor last Saturday night, Mrs. Burr's husband drew a pocket-knife, in his hand, and threatened to stab a countryman named Jose Santiago, and John Freitas.

Santiago was looked up, and it is expected that a warrant will be sworn out against him this morning.

KAMAONA OF LOCAL NAVAL SERVICE QUILTS

After serving under six admirals of the navy and completing his service under Captain George B. Clark, Leiford P. Mendillo, a native of Guam, left the Pearl Harbor station on May 17, to retire because of old age. He has been a trusted employee of the station for fifteen years.

Mendillo came here from Guam on a whaler in 1900, after four years in the sea, and landed at Olovaia, Maui. He worked as luna and stable foreman on various Maui plantations for some time, and finally came to Honolulu because of his wife's health. He was employed by Lewis & Cooke up to 1902, when Admiral Terry gave him a position at the naval station, which he has retained since.

He has been fifty-five years away from Guam, and is seventy-five years of age. Of his sixteen children, seven are living, among those he has lost being Ben Mendillo, formerly of The Advertiser's art department and at one time showing promise as a cartoonist and artist.

ORDINARY RAILWAY CAR MAKES MEXICAN FORT

(By The Associated Press)
CHIHUAHUA CITY, Mexico, May 17.—Armored cars are now being attached to all passenger trains operating between here and the border at Juarez. These cars are converted from steel gondola cars which were made in the United States and sent to Mexico with shipments of coal for the mines and railroads. At the Mexican Central shops here drills are used to cut small square port holes along each side of these cars, leaving the top side of the mine uncult in order that the metal may be bent outward forming a lip or shield for the gunner who pokes his rifle through the opening.

Machina guns are often mounted on blocks of wood with their muzzles protruding from these holes and are manned by the train gunners hiding behind these improvised breastworks. Steel rails are bolted to the top of the cars in order to give additional protection to the men operating the rifles and machine guns.

BIGGEST ORDER YET FOR ARMY KHAKI

(By The Associated Press)
LONDON, May 18.—It is announced that contracts for the making of 10,000,000 yards of khaki cloth are about to be placed with woolen and worsted manufacturers in Great Britain and Ireland. These are the largest orders that have been made since the end of 1914. The orders are to be placed with contractors in Huddersfield, Bradford, Leeds, Gillingham, Apperley Bridge, Halifax, Morley, Farnley and Keighley in the West Riding of Yorkshire, and also in manufacturing areas in the West of England and in Scotland and Ireland.

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REGISTRATION FOR ALL MALE RESIDENTS

**President's Proclamation Is Not
Confined To Citizens—No
Date Yet For Hawaii**

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The registration of all male residents of the United States will be under way soon, and while the date has not been definitely set by the President for the territories of Hawaii, Porto Rico and Alaska, it is expected that it will be announced soon. These territories were excepted in the general registration order set for June 5 over the remainder of the United States.

There is general confusion in Hawaii as to the exact meaning of the registration order. Not only citizens must comply with it, but it will be necessary for all male residents between the ages of twenty-one and thirty to register at the appointed time, irrespective of nationality. According to this order, two-thirds of the registration in Hawaii, probably, will consist of Japanese.

The war department has issued the following official statement concerning the recent registration order:

From many letters received daily the war department learns that registration and selective draft are being confused. These are separate and distinct processes. Registration is simply the enrolling of all male residents of the United States between the ages of twenty-one and thirty, inclusive. Every male resident between the designated ages must register on the date set by the President's proclamation unless he is in the regular army, the navy, the national guard or naval militia, actually in the federal service.

"The enrolling is done in each voting precinct by a registrar appointed for the purpose. The duties of the registrar are mandatory and are performed under the sanction of another. Nothing is left to his discretion. He is liable to heavy penalty, imprisonment with no alternative of fine, for making a false return or in any way being a party to or conniving at practices or favoritism or evasion. A like penalty is imposed over the individual who fails to register."

"The later process of selection will be made by lot from the names entered on the registration rolls. Full information as to exemptions and methods of selection will be published later. For the present it is not important that the primary duty of registration be expressed upon all who are subject to it."

"Interpreters will be needed, especially in the foreign sections of our large cities, to assist in answering questions on the registration rolls. Here is an opportunity for those who speak other languages than English. Schools and colleges, too, will find in this a patriotic function. The war department requests that volunteers for this work offer their service at once to the sheriffs of their respective counties, or, if they live in cities of 30,000 or more, to the mayors."

WOODS WORRIED BY DEPRESSED MARKET

War and H. C. of L. Causes Falling Off In Marriage Licenses

A falling off of thirty percent in the issuance of marriage licenses in Honolulu is worrying Palmer P. Woods, the local agent authorized to issue licenses. In a statement made by Woods on Saturday the agent ascribes this falling off to the H. C. of L., an organization which he claims is doing business in restraint of trade.

The war, too, and despite what has generally been the belief, is not helping the marriage game any. Woods believes that the war should be forced to an end without loss of time or there will be no need shortly of marriage license agents.

The situation is really worrying Mr. Woods and he will welcome any suggestion that might tend to save what was once a thriving business. There is one ray of hope, however, for on Saturday Judge Kemp in the local circuit court granted divorces to thirteen couples, thus throwing into the marriage market twenty-six eligibles.

Mr. Wood intends to ask the board of retail trade to add his line to the "business as usual" advertising.

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BLABBING CENSOR SENTENCED TO JAIL

(By The Associated Press)

LONDON, May 16.—A sentence of three years' penal servitude was meted out to an assistant censor of cables at the press bureau here the other day for "collecting without authority and communicating information calculated to be useful to the enemy, contrary to the defense of the realm regulations."

The censor was Anthony Thomas Spalding, 48 years of age. He had sent what he called "bits of information" in a letter to a friend.

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From these trenches the advance was successively made to the second and third line, by which time the Austrians were in confused retreat.

STRONG REDOUBT TAKEN

In this Carso sector, the Italians yesterday also captured a number of the mountain positions of the Austrians north of Gorizia.

Almost as signal success attended the Italian attacks to the south on this front, between Jamiano and the coast another strong position being carried by assault. This was a strongly fortified hill, deemed impregnable by the Austrian commander. The fighting for it was of the most desperate nature, but the Italians finally swarmed into the defenses, taking eight hundred prisoners and ten field guns.

Near Plava the Italians carried the heights at the head of the Palliava Valley, thus connecting their lines at Mount Cucco with those at Hill 363.

When night fell the Italians were continuing their offensive all along the Gorizia front, shelling the Austrian positions heavily.

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